

SELECTED.

A SERPENT. The writer having been out shooting, lay down to rest under a tree when suddenly he was aroused by a furious baying of his dogs. "On turning round, I beheld a snake of the *Cobra de Capella* species, directing his course to a point that would approximate very close to my position. In an instant I was on my feet. The moment the reptile became aware of my presence, in nautical phraseology, it boldly brought to, with an expanded head, eyes sparkling, and neck beautifully arched, and the head raised nearly two feet from the ground, and oscillating from side to side, in a manner plainly indicative of a resentful foe. I seized the nearest weapon, a short bamboo left by one of the beaters, and hurled it at my opponent's head; I was fortunate enough to hit it beneath the eye. The reptile immediately fell and lay apparently lifeless. Without a moment's reflection, I seized it a little below the head, hauled it beneath the shelter of the tree, and very coolly sat down to examine the mouth for the poisonous fangs, of which naturalists speak so much. While in the act of forcing the mouth open with a stick, I felt the head sliding through my hand, to my utter astonishment became aware that I had now to contend against the most deadly of reptiles in his full strength and vigor. Indeed, I was in a moment convinced of this, for, as I tightened my hold round his throat, its body became wreathed round my neck and arm. If the reader is aware of the universal dread in which the *Cobra de Capella* is held throughout India and the almost instant death which invariably follows its bite, he will, in some degree, be able to imagine what my feelings were at the moment; a faint kind of disgusting sickness pervaded my whole frame, as I felt the clammy fold of the reptile tightening round my neck. I still held the throat, but to hold it much longer would be impossible. Immediately beneath my grasp there was an inward working and creeping of the skin, which seemed to be assisted by the very firmness with which I held it. Finding, in defiance of my efforts, that my hand was each moment forced closer to my face, an idea struck me, that were it in my power to transfix the mouth with some sharp instrument, it would prevent the reptile from using his fangs, should it escape my hold. My gun lay at my feet—the ramrod appeared the very thing required, which with some difficulty I succeeded in drawing out, having only one arm disengaged. My right arm was now trembling from over exertion, and my hold becoming less firm, when I happily succeeded in passing the rod through the lower jaw up to its centre. It was not without considerable hesitation that I let go my hold of the throat, and seizing the rod in both hands, at the same time, by bringing them over my head, with a sudden jerk, I disengaged the fold from my neck, which had latterly become almost tight enough to produce strangulation. There was then little difficulty in freeing my right arm, and ultimately to throw the reptile from me to the earth, where it continued to twist and writhe itself into a thousand contortions of rage and agony. To run to a neighboring stream, to lave my neck, hands, and face, in its cooling waters, was my first act after despatching my formidable enemy. This concludes a true, though plainly told tale. As a moral it may prove, that when a man is possessed of determination, coolness, and energy, combined with reason, he will generally come off triumphant, though he may have to circumvent the subtlety of the snake, or combat the ferocity of the tiger."

Advertisements.

B. PITMAN & SON,
Have for Sale, which they offer on reasonable terms:

- 20 Doz. Port Wine
- 25 " Sherry do.
- 10 " S. M. do.
- 20 " Claret do.
- 10 " Raspberry do.
- 5 " Sarsaparilla Syrup
- 10 " Lemon Syrup
- 5 " Assorted do.
- 5 " Stoughton's Elixir
- 25 Boxes Assorted Teas

Also—Just received

- 3 Lady's Splendid Riding Saddles,
- 50 Patent Leather Head Stalls.

April 24.

tf.

PEIRCE & BREWER.

Have on hand and for sale at low prices the following articles, viz:

- 23 Cases 4-4 blue Cottons of the best dye and fabric.
 - 18 " 4-4 Chickopee Cottons, bleached.
 - 1 " Bleached Cotton Drill
 - 1 " Satin Jeans
 - 1 " Ticking
 - 30 Bolts Am. Cotton Duck
 - 2 Cases Merrimack blue Prints
 - 1 " Orange Prints
 - 2 " Furniture Chintz
 - 1 " Marseilles Quilts
 - 5 " Cotton Thread
 - 1 " Pink Cambric
 - 20 Bales 4-4 Brown Cottons
 - 4 " 3-4 do. do.
 - 3 " do. Drill
 - 1 " Scarlet Flannel
 - 1 " Russia Sheeting
 - 4 Bolts Brusgins Canvass
 - 20 " Ravens Duck
 - 5 Cases Prints, assorted colors
 - 10 Boxes Muscat Wine
 - 100 Demijons, 5 galls.
 - 85 pair Venitian Window Blinds
 - 90 Window Frames, sashes, &c.
 - 60 Kegs White Lead
 - 100 Molasses Shooks
 - 75 Bales Am. Leaf Tobacco
 - 15 Bbls Tar
 - 5 " Bright Varnish
 - 1 Box Rifle Powder in cannisters
 - 50 Kegs Powder
 - 20 doz. Swain's Panacca
 - 5 Bbls. Linseed Oil
 - 20 doz. Olive Oil
 - 40 " tin boxes Seidlitz Powders
 - 2 Bbls. Spirits Turpentine
 - 1 Case Friction Matches
 - 300 Boxes Am. Soap
 - 10 Boxes Pipes
 - 20 Sides Sole Leather
 - 2 " Patent "
 - 25 Ox Bows—25 doz. Axe Handles
- ALSO—
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- 1 Case 26 oz. 80 sheets
 - 1 " 24 oz. 90 "
 - 1 " 22 oz. 100 "
 - 1 " 20 oz. 100 "
 - 1 " 18 oz. 100 "
 - 1 " 16 oz. 100 "
- 570 sheets
- 3 Kegs Sheathing Nails
 - 30 Coils Manila Rope, assorted sizes
 - 50 Indian barrels White and Sicily Madeira Wine
 - 36 Qr. Casks Pale Sherry
 - 8 Indian bbls. Burgundy Port.
- July 10, 1841. tf.

LADD & CO.

have for sale

- 20 bales Domestics.
- 10 cases do.
- 59 " Blue Cottons.
- 4 " Blue Drills.
- 2 bales Brown Drills.
- 4 " Striped Shintings.
- 6 cases Fancy do.
- 1 " Beaverteens.
- 1 " Moleskin.
- 1 " Plaids.
- 1 " Silk Umbrellas.
- 10 " Cotton do.
- 31 " Prints.
- 4 " Printed Pongee Hdks.
- 11 cases Cotton Hdks.
- 9 " Kiheis.
- 55 " Blue Nankin.
- 8 " Assorted Dry Goods.
- 9 " Drab Hats.
- 3 " Thread.
- 51 packages Hard Ware.
- 50 Kegs Nails.
- 4 Casks Soap Stone Furnaces.
- 20 doz. Cast Steel Wood Axes.
- 1 Cotton Ginn.
- 3 cases Brushes.
- 10 " Boots and shoes.
- 222 Bars and Bundles assorted Iron.
- 5 doz Shovels.
- 1 cask Cart Boxes.
- 8 bundles Spike and Nail Rods.

- 5 boxes Tin plates.
 - 20 bolts Canvass.
 - 30 pieces light Ravens Duck.
 - 69 coils Cordage.
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 - 3 cases Looking Glasses.
 - 9 " Assorted Fancy articles.
 - 2 " Books, late publications.
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 - 22 hlds Navy do.
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 - 1 cask Glue.
 - 50 boxes Window Glass.
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 - 15 " Glass do.
 - 28 barrels Tar and Pitch.
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 - 63 kegs English White Lead.
 - 40 " do. Black Paint.
 - 500 Gallons Paint Oil.
 - 100 boxes Spanish Cigars.
 - 1 keg Superior Tobacco.
 - 6 tubs Spices.
 - 5 casks Rice.
 - 5 baskets Olive Oil.
 - 1 bale Corks.
 - 10 kegs Fancy Biscuit.
 - 1 case Macaroni.
 - 1 " Tapioca.
 - 8 doz Chairs.
 - 3 cases Stationery.
 - 4 hlds Tin Ware.
 - 8 " Hollow Ware.
 - 138 Reams Wrapping Paper.
 - 20 " Writing do.
- Honolulu, Aug 22 1841.

B. Pitman & Son,

Have for sale on reasonable terms, viz., English and American Prints. Gingham. Printed Muslins. White, Brown and Blue Cotton Drill. White and Brown Linen Drill. Bleached and Unbleached Cottons. Cambric, plane and Figured. Swiss Muslin. Lace Edgings. Insertings. Fancy Gauze Hdks. and Scarfs. White Vests. Garniture. Silk. Satin. Velvet and Belt Ribbons. Wound Wire. Furniture Chints. Hamilton Stripes. Bonnet Wreaths and Flowers. Ladies and Gentlemen's Hosiery. Gloves. Satin Neck Stocks. Nankeens. Pongee Colored Hdks. Grass Cloth. Cotton Hdks. Needles. Pins. Spool Cotton. Thread. Buttons. Suspenders. Ready Made Clothing. Wickyard, &c., &c.

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Boots and Shoes. Writing Ink. Shoe Blacking. Arrow Root. Epsom Salts. Bench Planes. Brace and Bitts. Chisels. Fish Hooks. Combs. Sauce and Fry Pans. Iron Squares. Screws. Nails. Axe Handles. Axes. Adzes. Hatchets. Writing Paper. Blank Books. Quills. Corks, &c. Generally on hand a good assortment of Crockery, Glass, and Tin Ware.

Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1840. tf.

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May 29th, 1841. tf.

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By the Barrel, or less quantity, constantly on hand and for sale by

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Jan. 18.

tf.

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Honolulu, May 23, 1841.

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June 16th, 1841.

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BAKERS FROM CANTON.

Good people all—walk in and buy,
Of Sam & Mow, good cake and pie;
Bread hard or soft, for land or sea,
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June 15.

tf.

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ELI SOUTHWORTH.
WILLIAM PATY.

Honolulu, Aug. 9th, 1841.

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- Lot Willow Baskets,
- Earthen Jars,

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May 22, 1841. tf.

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